O'er-glanc'd the articles : pleaseth your grace
To appoint some of your council presently
To sit with us once more, with better heed
To re-survey them, we will, suddenly,
Pass our accept, and peremptory answer [5].

K. HEN. Brother, we shall. — Go, uncle Exeter, —
And brother Clarence [9], — and you, brother Gloster, —
Warwick, — and Huntington,* — go with the king :
And take with you free power, to ratify,

^ suddenly,
Pass OUR accept, and peremptory answer.] As the French King desires more time to consider deliberately of the articles, 'tis odd and absurd for him to say absolutely, that he would accept them all. He certainly must mean, that he would at once *wave* and *decline* what he disliked, and consign to such as he approved of. Our author uses *pass* in this manner in other places ; as in King John :
" But if you fondly *pass* our proffer'd love."
WARBURTON.
The objection is founded, I apprehend, on a misconception of the word *accept*, which does not, I think, import that he would accept them all, but means *acceptation*. We will immediately, says he, deliver our *acceptation* of these articles, — the opinion which we shall form upon them, and our peremptory answer to each particular. Fuller, in his Worthies, 1660, uses *deception* for *acceptation*. See Sc. VII. of the preceding Act, p. 445. n. 5.
If any change were to be made, I would rather read, — " Pass *or except*," &c. i. e. *agree* to, or *except* against the articles, as I should either approve or dislike them. So, in a subsequent part of this scene :
** Nor this I have not, brother, so denied,
" But your request shall make me let *it pass*."
MALONE.
" Pass *our* accept, and peremptory answer." i. e. we will pass our acceptance of what we approve, and we will pass a peremptory answer to the rest. Politeness might forbid his saying, we will pass a denial, but his own dignity required more time for deliberation. Besides, if we read pass *or* accept, is not *peremptory answer* superfluous, and plainly implied in the former words ?
TOLLET.

9 And brother CLARENCE,] Neither *Clarence* nor *Huntington*, whom the King here addresses, has been enumerated in the Dramatis Personæ, as neither of them speaks a word. Huntington was John Holland, Earl of Huntington, who afterwards married the widow of Edmond Mortimer, Earl of March.

MALONE.